

Subject: Weekly Brief for December 13, 2017
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Photo of the Week: People and pups alike enjoyed the last CicLAvia of the year

Photo via Caltrans

LADOT Plays Key Role in Fire Response

The recent wildfires in Los Angeles have caused widespread damage and left many without homes to return to. The emergency management team and first-responders of the City have done an amazing job in fighting these fires and coordinating resources to prevent even more damage. LADOT is proud to be part of this incredible and tireless team.

Our Special Traffic Operations (STO) led LADOT's response to both the Skirball & Creek Fires. STO along with Parking Enforcement provided support in the Unified Command Posts (UCP), the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and the Department Operations Center (DOC). STO deployed over 30 engineers and staff to provide support in the field and the various command posts and operation centers. Filling critical leadership roles were Incident Commander **Edward Yu**, Deputy Incident Commander **Armen Kamyshyan**, Operations Chief **Brandon Wilson**, Planning Chief **Marina Chang** (DOC), Logistics Chief **Nancy Wagstaff** (DOC), and Transportation Branch Manager **Richard Greene** (EOC).

The Parking Enforcement division deployed 172 traffic and 19 supervisors in the field and at command posts. These efforts were led by Lieutenants **Brian Hartman**, **Sylvia Vasquez**, **Iral Turner**, and **Rodney Smith**, along with Sergeants **Susan Rahtz**, **Cheryl Shanks**, **Cortez Jones**, **Noe Torres**, **Rene Engle**, **Beverly Samuel**, **Michelle Jackson**, **Raul Mazariego**, **Lisa Pallares**, **Rafael Garcia**, **Leon Raggett**, and **Gerardo Cervantes**.

Transit Operations staff were on call to assist Los Angeles residents who had to evacuate their homes as well as bus riders on routes affected by the fires. Staff coordinated with other City departments and with bus operation contractor to create safe reroutes, inform riders, and send buses to help evacuees. A special thank you to Supervising Transportation Planner **Tina Backstrom**, Transportation Planning Associate **Julie Vazquez**, Supervising Transportation Planner **Yanna Loewy** for their diligence during these incidents. In addition to personnel, Transit services provided 10 vehicles to transport residents to and from evacuation centers.

Thank you all who went above and beyond to assist the citizens of Los Angeles in their time of

need!

LADOT General Manager welcomes group to workshop

LADOT Leads Bus Electrification Workshop

On Tuesday, LADOT and the C40 Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative hosted a workshop on optimizing bus deployment in LA County. The event brought together senior representatives from key transit and utility stakeholders from across LA to discuss opportunities to advance the procurement and deployment of electric buses across the city.

Outstanding Performers

Members of the Transportation Committee, along with General Manager Seleta Reynolds, recognized LADOT's finest from the Taxicab and Franchise Regulation Division in our Mobility Management Group for their outstanding performance and contributions to the City of Los Angeles and LADOT's vision and mission.

Administrative Clerks, **Ricky De Anda** and **Omar Castellanos**; Senior Administrative Clerks, **Rhoma Moore** and **Beatris Lopez**; and Senior Transportation Investigator, **Teena Arnold** were recognized for their excellent customer service. Every day, they service a diverse constituency that includes taxicab drivers, attendants from ambulance, paid transportation companies, and motor bus operator companies. This team processes up to 500 driver permits and taxicab vehicle permits per month, mostly through personal transactions at our public counter. Their sensitivity to cultural differences and language barriers promote a high standard of customer service and ensures that each transaction is handled professionally. In addition to the day-to-day business of the division, this team handles special projects in a timely and efficient manner.

Watch: CicLAvia Press Conference

Watch LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds, Mayor Eric Garcetti, and CicLAvia Executive Director Romel Pascual at this weekend's CicLAvia. The last of 2017! [Click here](#) to watch.

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